



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Pilliar et al  
Appl. No. : 10/617,358  
5 Filed : July 11 2003  
Title : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OF POROUS INORGANIC  
STRUCTURES AND INFILTRATION WITH ORGANIC POLYMERS  
Grp./A.U. : 2616  
Examiner : Lopez, Carlos N.  
10 Docket No. : 14396

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

20 In response to the Restriction Requirement issued by the  
Examiner on August 2, 2006, the following is submitted:

The Restriction is set forth at page 2 of this response; and

An election without traverse and remarks begin at page 3 of

25 this response.

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## The Restriction

The Examiner has required an election between the claims of Group I, including claims 1-46 drawn to a method of making porous inorganic material and the claims of Group II, including claims 47-80, directed to an inorganic polymer composite and or an open pore inorganic structure. The reason for the restriction is that Groups I and II are believed by the Examiner to be distinct as he states that the product can be made by a different process. Further, the Examiner states that the claims of Group I are classified in Class 264, subclasses 43, while the claims of Group II would be classified in Class 623, subclass 11.11.

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Election and Remarks

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, including  
5 claims 1-46 without traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this  
matter, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney for  
purposes of further expediting this application.

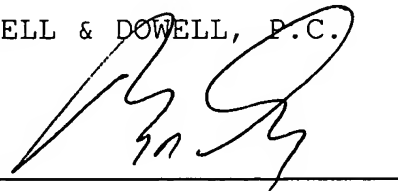
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Respectfully Submitted,

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